

- [X] Accompanying this amendment is the appropriate fee of \$390.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(c) and 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a).
- [ ] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the appropriate fee of \$ pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(c) and 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0502.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0502.

Please amend the above-entitled application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

- ✓ **Cancel** claim 10 and 12 without prejudice to the reentry of the same subject matter at any later time.

**Amend** the following claims:

1. ~~(Amended)~~ [ In a non-detachable press fit arrangement between an end portion of a metal pipe and a socket of a fitting, with the socket defining an interior space and being formed with an annular anchoring groove facing the interior space for receiving a sealing ring,] said press fit arrangement comprising at least one holding element secured to the socket and cold formed together with the socket, said holding element at least partially penetrating the material of the end portion of the metal pipe to realize a

~~positive [fit] connection with the metal pipe, said holding element has a material penetrating component for the positive connection between the holding element and the end portion of the metal pipe when cold forming the socket of the fitting, said component consisting of a plurality of cutting arcuate projections pointing in the direction of the end portion of the metal pipe for penetrating the metal pipe.~~

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2. (Amended) The press-fit arrangement of claim 1 wherein the socket is formed adjacent the anchoring groove for the sealing ring with an annular receiving groove facing the interior space for receiving the holding element [, said holding element being provided with a material penetrating component for realizing the positive fit between the holding element and the end portion of the metal pipe when cold forming the socket of the fitting, said component being selected from the group consisting of projections spaced about the circumference of the holding element and pointing in the direction of the end portion of the metal pipe,] and wherein the said material penetrating component is a cutting edge arranged about the circumference of the holding element and extending to the end portion of the metal pipe.